

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**August 12, 2013**

City of Chula Vista, Executive Conference Room 103  
276 Fourth Avenue

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** By Chair Rahimzadeh at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioners Coleman, Flores, Kappes, Valen, Vargas (arrived at 4:15 pm), and Chair Rahimzadeh

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioner Romo

**MOTION TO EXCUSE:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrative Services Manager Beamon, Environmental Resource Manager Reed, Environmental Services Program Manager France, Sr. Civil Engineer Aminpour, Conservation Specialist Downs and Sr. Secretary Lindsey

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mike Lemyre and Crystal Crawford from Ygrene Energy Fund and resident Robert Ross

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of June 10, 2013 were approved  
Note: There was no meeting on July 8, 2013.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Chair and Vice Chair Election (election took place after Commissioner Comments)

Commissioner Coleman was elected the new chair and Commissioner Kappes was elected the new Vice Chair.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- New Municipal Storm Water Permit

Khosro Aminpour, Sr. Civil Engineer from the Public Works Department Storm Water Division, gave a presentation concerning the new NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permit that regulates all storm water and non-storm water discharge from storm water systems into receiving waters of the United States. The permit is renewed every 5 years. The permit is a region wide permit that covers San Diego County, south Orange County and Riverside County. This new permit focuses on watersheds. Within the San Diego Bay watershed there are 9 permittees: Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, Coronado, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, City of San Diego, County of San Diego and Airport Authority/Port District of San Diego. One provision of the permit is compliance of BMP (Best Management Practices) by all co-permittees. Non storm water discharges, such as car washing and irrigation, are not allowed with the new

permit. If there is no rain, then there should be no discharge. In two years the San Diego Bay watershed permittees have to come up with a Water Quality Improvement Plan. The Jurisdictional Program of the permit includes a section on development projects that could potentially pollute the storm drain system. Construction sites need to treat their runoff at the project site and retain or reuse 83% of it. The City will need to make frequent inspections of these construction sites. A concept in the new permit is TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load). Samples are taken at different locations along the watershed and this can be very costly. Khosro explained the different toxicity levels in the Sweetwater River, Telegraph Canyon Channel and Poggi Creek.

- Clean Energy Chula Vista Program

Mike Lemyre and Crystal Crawford from Ygrene Energy gave a presentation on the Clean Energy Chula Vista PACE (Property Accessed Clean Energy) program. Ygrene has been approved by the City Council as a third-party administrator for this program. The program offers property owners, both commercial and residential, the ability to fund energy efficiency, renewable energy and water conservation projects that are repaid on their property tax bill over periods of up to 20 years. This keeps the balance of the loan with the property if it is sold. There is no cost to the City, since Ygrene uses their funds to launch the program and fund the projects. Ygrene has a training program for contractors and certifies them after they have completed the training. Property owners decide what energy improvements they want done on their property and also choose the contractor they would like to use. Some of the type of projects that this program can be used are new "cool" roofs, solar panels, solar hot water, new insulation and ductwork, new windows, doors & skylights, new heating and air conditioning, water heaters, water saving measures and irrigation, pool pumps and many more. Ygrene will open a local office to assist customers in Chula Vista. Property owners can apply online, by phone or in person. There will be a Stakeholder Workshop on Monday, September 16, 2013, at the Civic Center Library. *(This workshop has since been rescheduled for September 19, 2013 at the Police Headquarters Community Room)*

## MANAGERS COMMENTS

- Introduction of new Sr. Secretary Julie Lindsey
- Municipal Solar Photovoltaic (Phase 2) Update

Council approved the financing for the second phase of solar. This installation of half a megawatt will double what is already at City facilities.

- Energy Upgrade California

Cory Downs presented information about an Energy Upgrade California Homeowner Workshop that will be at the South Chula Vista Library on August 24.

## COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Update on the Bayfront Wildlife Advisory Group – Commissioner Coleman

The report from the August 8, 2013, meeting of WAG was passed out. Items discussed were concerning the "footprint" of the Bayfront, the Sea Level Rise maps and the collaboration between all agencies involved in the Bayfront. An ad hoc committee was formed to look further into comments made to this committee.

- Update on the Bayfront Cultural & Design Committee – Commissioner Coleman

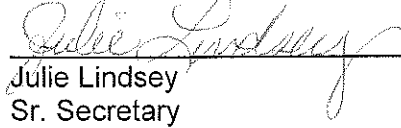
Three members have resigned from the BCDC due to conflicts of interest. Meetings will resume after these positions are filled. Information about this committee can be found on the Port of San Diego's website.

#### **CHAIR COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. to a regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2013, at 4:00 pm in Executive Conference Room 103, Building A, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

Prepared by:

  
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Sr. Secretary